

SOCIETY

WASHINGTON'S midsummer season is far from lacking in interest. Even if there were no flying machines to hold one's attention several times each week at Fort Myer, there would still be enough clever and prominent people in town to remind one of the times gone and the times to come, in the matter of dinners, breakfasts, and theater parties. And these affairs are not by any means unknown just now. Although the chief objective point after Congress closes for the day is Fort Myer, the next topic of interest is where to dine, and with whom. Dinner parties are made up on the spur of the moment, over the telephone or as the automobiles pass on the way to or from Fort Myer, but they are none the less distinguished in the matter of guests and delightful in cuisine appointments and atmosphere at Chevy Chase, the New Willard, or Great Falls.

Mrs. Longworth is the central figure at Fort Myer, next to the aeroplane. Her enthusiasm is as lasting and as loyal as that of the famous brothers. She is there invariably, in her electric runabout, which she manages gracefully and with the skill of an adept. She is always simply and always appropriately gowned, for good taste in the matter of clothes and the way to wear them is one of Mrs. Longworth's chief attractions. She has recently become such a devotee of aeroplanes that she drives over early, carrying with her, for hungry statesmen and legislators who have not time to dine or lunch before getting to the parade ground for the flights, a daintily prepared and well-filled hamper, which proves a popular attraction. This thoughtfulness for the inner man is characteristic of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, who is both practical and independent under all circumstances.

Newport is revelling in plans for the coming month, which really marks the height of the season there, and the visit, though short, of the President's only daughter. Miss Taft is making a short visit to her intimate friend, Miss Eleanor Roelker, one of the Newport debutantes this season, having returned there with her from Beverly, where Miss Roelker spent a week with her. The one thing lacking, perhaps, is that Miss Taft does not partake of the season's gaieties and frivolities in such abundance as does Miss Roelker, as she is still a college girl, and will not be "out" for at least another year. She therefore takes only a limited part in the festivities of which her closest friend is the central figure. She is getting enough of them, however, to acquaint her with what will come a year or so hence, when she takes her place as the White House debutante. Even though intelligent what has been most strongly developed in Miss Taft, the lighter qualities which go to make young girls popular have not been neglected. She is a good dancer, a good rider, a fine tennis player, with a skillful hand at golf, of which she is not so fond, and she is a good sailor and a lover of the water. It is a part of her American wholesomeness and independence that Miss Taft prefers finishing her college work to becoming a social butterfly, which would be entirely pardonable. For after all, it is given but to a few to participate in social delights from within the White House.

PERSONALS.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President, was a guest of honor at a reception at Newport yesterday afternoon, at which Miss Eleanor Roelker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Roelker, was formally presented to Newport society.

Miss Roelker is the first debutante of the season, and the reception, which was the foremost social event of the present season, was held at Hawthurst, the Roelker summer home.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand will leave Washington on Wednesday and sail for France Thursday from New York. They will be absent until the late fall.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Meyer, is spending the week-end in a cruise on the Dolphin, to Newport, thence to Boston, to join his family for a brief visit in their summer home at Hamilton, Mass. The Dolphin has been at the Brooklyn Navy Yard ever since the Secretary and his family made a trip to Newport and Boston, a month ago.

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Mr. Nagel, is spending his week-end in Chicago, and will return to Washington early in the week.

Mr. Ou Shou-tchen, first secretary of the Chinese Legation and chargé d'affaires during the absence of the Minister in South America, is spending the summer at Chevy Chase, having leased the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dawson, in East Irving street. He is accompanied by his young son and a nephew, but Mme. Ou has not left her home in China.

Mrs. Bagley, mother of the late Ensign Worth Bagley, U. S. N., and her daughters, Misses Ella and Ethel, will spend their winters at the Dupont, sailed yesterday from New York for a several months' trip to Europe. They have had a cottage at Chevy Chase during the past month. They will return to the Dupont in the autumn.

Mrs. Henry Grinnell, of Calvert street, accompanied by Miss Rust, of Alexandria, are spending their summer at Mrs. Grinnell's family home, Rugby Grange, near Asheville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dawson and family, of Chevy Chase, are spending the summer with the former's relatives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Miss Katherine Letterman, who is remaining unusually late in her apartment at Stoneleigh Court, entertained a small and congenial company at dinner there on Thursday evening. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cumming, Mr. and Mrs. McClintock, and Mr. William Bowie Clarke.

Among the Washingtonians at Fort Royal are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Weaver, Miss Mary Kimmell, Mr. E. L. Brown, Mr. John Durrell, and Mr. C. E. Veitch.

Mrs. J. Eakin Gadsby has arrived at York Beach, Me., to spend the remainder of this month and the whole of next. She will go to Portland early in September to meet with the vice presidents of the Rivers and Harbors Conservation, of which she is vice president from the District of Columbia. She will then go to the White Mountains, in New Hampshire, to remain with friends until some time

in October. Mrs. Gadsby's health, which has been greatly improved the past year, has improved considerably.

Miss Eleanor Terry, daughter of Rear Admiral Silas W. Terry, will leave on Monday for Long Island to visit until the end of the week, when she will join her parents in New York, and sail on Saturday for Europe for four months' travel.

Miss Eleanor Lewis has returned from a visit to Hagerstown, Md.

Miss Isabelle Clark is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clark, in San Antonio, Tex.

Mrs. William Orndoff is improving from an eight weeks' illness.

The Misses Hodges have returned to their home in Takoma Park.

Miss Virginia Gray, of Tennessee, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Eleanor Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames are spending the summer at Front Royal, Va.

Miss Mollie Jackson and Miss Fannie Jackson are guests of Mrs. A. H. Hall, in Front Royal, Va.

Miss Yates has as her guests for the next few weeks Miss Helen Frantz and Miss Marion Frantz.

Rev. W. V. Tudor joined Mrs. Tudor in Avondale, Pa., where Mr. Morell is lying very ill.

Miss Mae de Shields, after visiting here a few days, has returned to Washington Grove.

Mrs. H. Wilson-Petty chaperoned a party of seven at Atlantic City for several weeks.

Miss Entwistle has gone to New Jersey for a much needed rest.

Mrs. Watkins and her two sons, from Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dix.

Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, who has spent the early summer in her country home in Genesee County, N. Y., sailed yesterday for Europe on the America for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. W. H. H. Cissel and family are spending the summer at Elkton, Va.

Mrs. Irwin B. Linton and daughter, Miss Catherine Linton, have gone to Ocean Grove, N. J., for a fortnight's visit. Miss Linton and Mr. Linton will make the trip to Boston by water, and join the rest of the family at Seaside Park, N. J., for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Charles Ralph Barker has announced the engagement of his daughter, Agnes Kirkland, to Mr. William Cullen Dennis. The wedding will take place on Wednesday, July 28.

Dr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Masee, of this city, sailed yesterday for Europe, for a trip which will occupy the next two months.

Mrs. George A. Draper entertained at luncheon at Bar Harbor on Friday, and among her guests were many well-known Washingtonians who are summering there, including Miss Ekengren, wife of the charge d'affaires of the Swedish Legation, who was formerly Miss Jackson, of this city; Mrs. Robert Hinckley, Mrs. Charles C. Marsh, and Mrs. Harold I. Sewall, the latter two daughters of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans.

Rear Admiral R. B. Bradford, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Bradford and Miss Rose Bradford have gone to Maine, where they will spend the remainder of the summer in their bungalow in the woods opposite the Nova Scotia coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Keeler are the guests of Col. and Mrs. E. A. Keeler at their home in Newport street. The two first named are visitors from the Canal Zone.

Mrs. Schiff, of Charlotte, N. C., the guest of Mrs. Julia E. Peyser, left Thursday for Atlantic City.

Mrs. Nathan Horn, Miss Lydia Horn, and Miss Annie Hornslein left Tuesday for a visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Suter announce the engagement of their daughter Annie to Mr. Samuel Goldberg, of Augusta, Ga.

Miss Isabel Magruder, daughter of Alexander F. Magruder, U. S. N., retired, who has been visiting friends at New London, Conn., has gone to Cape May for a short visit with the Misses Trescott, of this city.

The engagement was announced yesterday in Trenton, N. J., of Miss Emily Wells Rusling, daughter of Gen. James F. Rusling, and Representative Arthur L. Bates, of Meadville, Pa. Mr. Bates represents the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania district and has been four times re-elected.

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Mrs. W. C. Wren has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., where her husband, Maj. Wren, of the Twelfth Infantry, is in the general hospital there for treatment.

Miss Bonnell, Mrs. Wren's sister, has postponed her trip to England, and is now at Ottawa Beach, Mich., with Miss Wren and Miss Kate Wren, while Mrs. Wren is in Arkansas.

Mrs. Lydia J. Smith, of this city, is spending the summer at Fort Leavenworth, where she is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Glenn H. Davis.

Rev. E. S. Dunlop, assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Dunlop and their children will leave early this week for Goshen, Conn., to spend the remainder of the summer. Mr. Dunlop will return to Washington early in September, but the rest of the family will stay until late in the fall.

A marriage of much interest in Washington will be that of Miss Blake Bickers, formerly of Fort Du Pont, in the Georgetown convent, to Mr. W. F. Morrison, of Atlanta, Ga. The ceremony will be performed in Atlanta, the bride's home, on August 4. Mr. Morrison and his bride will leave immediately after for an extended trip to New York, through the Great Lakes and Canada, and then will sail for Europe. On their return from abroad they will stop in

Washington to visit with Miss Bickers' old friends before proceeding to Atlanta to take up their permanent residence.

Mrs. A. S. Bernstine and son left during the week for Pine Hill, Catskill Mountains.

Mrs. Sidney Strauss and daughter will spend the month of August at Blue Mountain House, Pa.

Mrs. Simon Treitel has returned to her home in Woonsocket, R. I., and has as her guest Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Woog, of this city.

Mrs. George W. Ray and daughter Antonette left last week for the White Mountains. They will return early in September.

Two very interesting figures of the smart set here have gone to Jamestown, R. I., for the summer. They are Miss Angelica and Miss Mary Remey, daughters of Rear Admiral and Mrs. George C. Remey, U. S. N. They have closed their New Hampshire avenue residence, and will be gone from the city until late in the fall.

The Frederick A. Abercrombie-Millers, who have been in Europe, are expected to return August 3, and will spend the remainder of the summer at Northeast Harbor, Me. Commander Miller, U. S. N., retired, will have among his guests at Northeast Harbor his daughter, Mrs. Ashton de Peyster, and his son-in-law.

Mrs. Biddle Porter, wife of Maj. John Biddle Porter, U. S. A., is entertaining many friends at their Bar Harbor cottage, where they have gone for the summer. She gave a dinner last Friday of fifteen covers in honor of Miss Mary Quincy Dixon, whose engagement to Mr. Gardner Cassatt, of Philadelphia, was recently announced. Her guests included Mrs. Francis Potter, Mrs. Joanna Auchincloss, Miss Suster Dabney, Miss Dorothy Watts, Miss Anna Fellow, Miss Law, Miss Belle Gurnee, Miss Emmett, Miss Nina Burnham, Miss Katharine Stewart, Miss Dawson, Mrs. Henry L. Slack, and Miss Catharine Rush Porter.

Maj. J. J. Morrow and Mrs. Morrow have returned to their home here, after a two weeks' stay at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, in the White Mountains. Maj. Morrow, while on this leave, attended the annual convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as well as the summer golf tournament of the American Golf Association. He won the first cup in a golf tournament, and also won an individual handicap cup with a card of 78-5-73, and a silver medal as a representative of the East in a six-man team match, the Eastern team winning all six matches. On the motion of Maj. Morrow, President Taft and Vice President Sherman were elected to honorary membership amid great applause. A committee was appointed to go to the White House and inform the new members of the complimentary action of the association. The committee appointed is Mr. L. A. Hamilton, of Englewood, N. J., formerly captain United States volunteers; Mr. Erman J. Ridgway, and Maj. Morrow.

Mrs. Carrie Berwanger leaves to-day for a visit to Pen Mar, Pa.

Mrs. Dreyfus and Miss Edna Dreyfus are among the Washingtonians registered at the Blue Mountain House.

Miss Sadie Steiner is visiting Newport News, Va., as the guest of Miss Rena Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ganas and son Harold, of Cleveland, Ohio, are the guests of Mrs. N. Peyser.

Mrs. Bertha Oettinger, Miss Dorothy Oettinger, and Mr. Dave Oettinger left Thursday for Blue Mountain House, Pa.

Mrs. Wounds, wife of Lieut. A. J. Wounds, Sixth Cavalry, who has been seriously ill for the past six weeks in the home of her mother, 148 K street northwest, will leave the city shortly to recuperate. She will go to the mountains of Virginia first and later to the North Shore of Massachusetts to visit friends.

Miss Jeannette Isabella Bentler gave a very delightful birthday party to twenty-five of her friends at Florence Court last week. The prizes were won by "Jack" Frier, George Chang, and Caroline Raymond. The souvenirs were small drums for the girls and cannons for the boys.

Mrs. Frank Wheaton, widow of Maj. Gen. Frank Wheaton, who is well known in Washington, gave a dinner at her home in Denver, Colo., last Tuesday in honor of her daughter, Miss Katharine W. Rowell, and Miss Rowell, who are now Mrs. Wheaton's guests. The latter have been for several months at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and are expected East shortly.

Mrs. de B. Randolph Keim, now of Reading, but formerly of Washington, has gone to Seattle, Wash., where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Kutz, wife of Maj. Kutz, U. S. A. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Kutz. They made the Western trip leisurely, and were more than two weeks in arriving at their destination.

Chief Constructor Washington L. Capps, U. S. N., left early in the week for New York, whence he sailed for Europe. He has obtained leave for six weeks, and his purpose is to make a study of foreign shipyards and the construction methods in the different countries.

Miss Clara Cohorn, of Beavers, Pa., is the guest of Miss Cecil Rhea.

Mrs. Robert Meyers is visiting in Norfolk, Va., the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ball.

Col. and Mrs. John R. Williams have taken leave of Fort Du Pont, Del., where the former was commanding officer of the

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and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conard, at their home in Chevy Chase for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Johnson and family, of Dumbarton avenue, have closed their house and are spending several weeks in the country.

Miss Helen O'Donnell has gone to Colonial Beach to spend the summer with Mrs. J. H. Wood at her cottage on Winkidoodle Point.

Mrs. Harry McLean, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., has as her house guest at her home on Dudley place, her niece, Mrs. Allen Bedon Fishburn.

Miss Westervelt has closed her apartment and has sailed for Europe, where she will spend the summer months touring the continent.

Mr. Charles M. Rippey, with Mrs. Rippey, and their children have gone to Vienna, Va., to spend their summer at their cottage.

Mrs. Walter C. Livingston, accompanied by her little daughter Elizabeth, is the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. George Backus, in Douglas.

Mrs. Johnson Riker Morgan and her little son Johnson, of the Shannon, left Georgetown last Saturday to spend two weeks in Leesburg, Va.

Mrs. Chiswell, wife of Lieut. Chiswell, U. S. R. C. S., accompanied by her little son, is the guest of her parents in Virginia for the summer.

Mrs. Mann and Miss Laura Mann, accompanied by Miss Parry, will leave shortly for New Hampshire, where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. Keith Parry, of E street, will leave Georgetown about the first of the month, and will go by sea to Portland, Me., where he will spend his vacation.

Miss Regina Fisher and Miss Margaret Fox, of Linden, Md., are the guests of Miss Margaret Stewart at her summer home at Colonial Beach, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Parham and her daughter, Miss Margaret Parham, are spending a short time in Bristol, Tenn., visiting Mrs. Parham's son, Mr. Sidney Parham.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Walker, of Thirty-first street, who have spent the past ten days in Atlantic City, have returned to their home in Georgetown.